

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

October 17, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>

Dear Families,

This weekend I experienced the power of new learning when my husband and I put in a new patio. If this sounds like a straightforward endeavor to you, then you have my admiration and envy. It was sweaty, complicated work for me. In fact, one of the most interesting things about it was that it gave me a new appreciation and awareness about the importance of the learning environment. That is to say, it's helpful when surroundings are peaceful, and encouraging when you can practice without being under the watchful eye of more skillful neighbors- at least in the initial phase! I also got lots of practice in persevering with tools, something we talk a lot about a lot in Math at Coolidge.

Soon you will have a chance to hear about how your child learns at school. Please mark your calendars for **November 8: it's Parent Conference Day** here in Shrewsbury. If you have already signed up for a conference please note the time because teachers have a full schedule. **Most importantly, if you have yet to sign up, please email your child's teacher right away to do so.** Whether it's a big project or a small skill, it's so important to set goals together, while so much practice time is before us.

Sincerely,

Amy



Important Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 20	PTO Mtg, 7 pm, Media Center
Oct. 24	Coolidge Clothing Drive 10/24-11/18) info below
Oct. 28	School Photo Retake Day (1:45)
Oct. 28	School Store
Nos. 5	Coolidge Boys Fall Formal (info coming home this week)
Nov. 8	NO SCHOOL – PARENT CONFERENCES & ELECTION DAY
Nov. 11	NO SCHOOL – VETERANS' DAY
Nov. 21	4 th Grade Chorus Concert 7pm

UPDATE - From the Nurse:

Please look below for information on medical health from Mrs. Zimmermann, our school nurse. Having standing orders ready is another way we seek to help support students and families.

As of this morning, 234 parents out of 409 have done the consent. Please do your consent asap!

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

When you click you should see this:

Navigation

Grades and Attendance

Grade History

Attendance History

Lab Safety Agreement

Welcome to the Shrewsbury Public Schools Parent Portal

- Please submit the [Nursing Consent Form](#). This will ensure that your child has access to medical care while at school.
- If any of your children are not listed above, click on "Account Preferences" in the left menu, then click on the "Students" tab to add them to your account using the codes that were mailed to you.
- **High School schedules will not be posted on the Parent Portal over the summer.** Schedules will be given to students on the first day of school.
- Please speak with your child first if you have questions about a classroom grade and/or attendance. Also, please refer to the Acceptable Use Policy and the course syllabus for additional answers to questions you may have.
- Please Note: This is not an official record, access is provided for reference purposes only!

The first line includes a link to the form. If you are still having trouble, let me know.

Calvin Coolidge Elementary School



No time for breakfast at home?

We've made it easy for your student to enjoy a healthy breakfast at school. School breakfast is proven to improve student behavior, test scores and attendance, so don't let your student miss out on the most important meal of the school day!

BREAKFAST IS SERVED

**ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE
OF A WELL-BALANCED
SCHOOL BREAKFAST AT
THE LOW PRICE OF:**

\$1.50

Visit
e.g. <https://shrewsburypublicschool.apsva.us>
to learn what's on the menu.

Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL
Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.*

Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.

AUG/SEP 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August/September

8/25 & 26	New Teachers' Orientation
8/29	Opening Program for Staff
8/30	Students Return/Full Day
9/2	Professional Development/No School
9/5	Labor Day/No School

October

10/7	Professional Development/No School
10/10	Columbus Day/No School

November

11/8	Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School
11/11	Veterans Day/No School
11/23 - 25	Thanksgiving Vacation

December

12/6	Professional Development/Early Release
12/26 - 12/30	December Vacation

January

1/2	New Year's Day (Observed)
1/16	M.L. King Day/No School

February

2/7	Professional Development/Early Release
2/20	Presidents Day/No School
2/21 - 2/24	Winter Vacation

March

3/7	Professional Development/Early Release
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April

4/4	Professional Development/Early Release
4/17	Patriots Day/No School
4/18 - 21	Spring Vacation

May

5/2	Professional Development/Early Release
5/26	Last Day for Seniors
5/29	Memorial Day/No School

June

6/1	Graduation Day
6/12	Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool
6/14	Last Day/Half Day for Students

February 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE 10 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

0 snow days = 6/14 last day
1 snow day = 6/15 last day
2 snow days = 6/16 last day
3 snow days = 6/19 last day
4 snow days = 6/20 last day
5 snow days = 6/21 last day

From the Office:

If your child will be absent from school due to a religious holiday, please let the office know so we can mark the attendance correctly.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:
<http://schools.shrewsbury.ma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO"

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are

welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. PTO Meeting- Thursday October 20th at 7PM
2. Chuck e Cheese Fundraiser- Friday October 21st
3. Variety Show coming in November
4. Schoolstore.com fundraiser
5. Teacher Lunch sign up
6. Election Day Bake Sale
7. Kidstuff Coupon Book Fundraiser
8. Reading Incentive Program
9. Coolidge's Third Annual Clothing Drive for Epilepsy Foundation

1 Please join us for our next PTO Meeting on Thursday October 20th at 7pm in the Media room. We will discuss upcoming events, fundraisers and hear from the principal. Come and be part of the discussion!

2. Friday October 21st is fundraiser night at Chuck e cheese from 3 to 9pm the Pto will earn 15% of all ticket, food, and merchandise sales at the register if you say you are there for the fundraiser. All money we raise from that night will help fund our enrichment programs for the kids. Another benefit all teachers get a free meal if they show their school ID and a chance to compete at the ticket blaster. Hope to see you all there

3. You will be receiving home flyers to sign up for the variety show. Please return as we have room for only 30 acts. Rehearsals will start Thursday Nov 3rd

4. We are doing a fundraiser from schoolstore.com basically when you shop at over 200 retailers like Walmart, Target etc you go through a particular site and it earns money for our school. You can also purchase gift cards for teachers and the school if you would like.

5. Teacher Lunch Sign-up

On November 8th, we will be hosting a teacher lunch. This will give the teachers an opportunity to grab a quick bite to eat as they meet with all of the parents. Please consider donating one of the listed items to help make this day a success. Thank you!!!

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F48AAAA2CAAFF2-teacher

6. Election Day Bake Sale

The PTO will be hosting a Bake Sale on November 8th from 8am-3pm or until all items are sold out. Please consider making a baked good for this event. We are looking for items such as cookies,

brownies, breads, cupcakes, rice crispy treats, etc. Please wrap your desserts into individual servings to make it easier to sell.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0F48AAAA2CAAFF2-election

6. PTO Fundraiser, Kidstuff Coupon Book:

By now you should have seen the KidStuff Coupon book that went home last week with valuable coupons good for up to 16 months. Coolidge will **earn 50% profit for each book sold**. Using just a few of those coupons saves you the \$25 book cost. **This is not a sample book for you to keep**. If you want to purchase this awesome coupon book, please make checks payable to Coolidge PTO. If you do not wish to buy the book, please return it to school. **Sale ends October 28th**, so act fast. If you have any questions, please contact Sam Gardner at gardnercc@hotmail.com or Jane Bell at janebell72@hotmail.com

7. Reading Incentive Program - We are ready to start this year's Reading Incentive Program. Your student will be bringing home their reading sheets to be turned in when fully completed. In grades kindergarten and first, the students will color in a book on the sheet for every 20 minutes they read. In second, third and fourth grades, they will color in a book on the sheet for every 30 minutes that they read. Reading is counted in class as well as at home. We would like the students to turn in 10 reading sheets to complete the program for the medal ceremony which is held in June. Each classroom has a reading recorder who will keep track of the sheets as they are passed in. If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at gltnabee10@yahoo.com. Thank you.
Diane Betti

8. Coolidge School Third Annual Clothing Drive for the Epilepsy Foundation - We will be having our clothing/shoe drive starting October 24 and running through until November 18. This has been a great success for both the Epilepsy Foundation and Coolidge School. Our school will receive .20/lb. for the clothing donated. Help our school beat our last year's donation of 3036 pounds. The donations can be dropped off at the school starting on the 24th. Fill a bag (or more) and make a difference! Thank you.

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com

